

SEPT. 21, 2023

## Chair's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Cathy Allen highlighted a few recent trustee events:

- On September 18-19, trustees took part in a retreat to discuss the Board's direction, priorities and work plan for the 2023-24 school year—all in alignment with EIPS' *Four-Year Education Plan*.
- On September 20, the Board met for the first time with Kyle Kasawski, a member of Alberta's legislative assembly for Sherwood Park. Overall, it was a productive meeting focused on shared concern areas, advocacy, and ways to work together to ensure strong public education.

## Superintendent's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Superintendent Sandra Stoddard highlighted several recent events:

- On September 18-19, Superintendent Stoddard joined trustees at the 2023-24 Board retreat.
- On September 20, Superintendent Stoddard joined the Board to meet with Kyle Kasawski.
- Also, on September 20, Superintendent Stoddard visited Salisbury Composite High. There, she was impressed with the school's staff and students and the many extracurricular clubs available for learners—all led by volunteer staff members. Collectively, the extracurricular activities meet the diverse needs of students. Coincidentally, the same night, a special episode of *Family Feud Canada* aired on CBC, featuring a team from Salisbury Composite High who competed against another senior high school to raise money for the school.

### NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. To honour the day, trustees all wore orange shirts to the September Board Meeting. Superintendent Stoddard thanked the Board for their support and for recognizing the day's significance. Acknowledging the ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

## Association and Employee Relation Reports

### ATA LOCAL REPORT

The Board received for information the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Local No. 28 report from Deneen Zielke, the Local's President.

- During school startup, teachers were busy organizing classrooms. It's nice to see everyone now settling in.
- Recently, the Local completed its executive strategic planning and looks forward to several new initiatives.
- The Local executive for 2023-24 includes:
  - Deneen Zielke, President;
  - Dave McKinnon, Vice-President and Local Political Engagement Officer;
  - John Murphy, Treasurer
  - Maxine Holm, Local Communications Officer
  - Daniel Radersma, Secretary
  - Kim Zapesocki, Professional Development Chair
  - Jennifer Fredeen, Teacher Welfare Committee Chair
  - Danielle Morin, Teacher-Board Advisory Committee Chair

- On September 19, the Local held its first council meeting, where members approved forming a Women in Leadership Committee. Once officially formed, the Committee Chair will join the Local executive team.
- On October 20, the ATA will host its annual Induction Ceremony, an annual celebration to welcome new teachers to the profession. Zielke thanked Board Chair Allen and Superintendent Stoddard for accepting the invitation to attend and greet new teachers.

## EMPLOYEE RELATIONS GROUP REPORT

The Board received for information the Employee Relations Group (ERG) report from Michelle Miller, the committee's Chair:

- The ERG committee includes: Michelle Miller, Helen Bienert, Kara Comer, Bev Fuller, Sandy Shackleton, Marlene Steeves, Dustin Stortz, Kerri Weissbach, and Melissa Willisko.
- Earlier this summer, Human Resources launched the Job Analysis Questionnaire for Central Services staff to fill out. Next, it plans to roll out the questionnaire to schools, which it hopes to do shortly.
- Overall, the 2023-24 school year is off to a good start. ERG members are looking forward to the year ahead.

## New Business

### ACTING CHAIR SCHEDULE

The Board approved the Acting Chair Schedule for 2023-24. The schedule assigns a trustee to serve in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair (see pg. 11, "[Acting Chair Schedule 2023-24](#)").

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE LIST

The Board approved the 2023-24 Board Committee Representative List. The Board assigns trustees to committees for liaison purposes. Trustee interests are considered for the committee placements (see pg. 13, "[Board Committee Representatives 2023-24](#)").

### TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

The Board approved the trustee remuneration for the 2023-24 school year. Rates will increase by 2 per cent, effective Sept. 1, 2023. The rate increase follows Section 12 of [Board Policy 7: Board Operations](#). The Board also approved a motion to direct the Superintendent to conduct a trustee compensation review and present the report for information at the January Caucus meeting.

## Reports for Information

### FACILITY SERVICES: 2022-23 SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

The Board received for information an update on Facility Services' summer projects in 2023. Throughout the summer months, Facility Services oversaw a total of 377 projects, including Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal (IMR), Capital Maintenance and Renewal, and additional projects across the Division—more than 80 per cent are now complete. The projects ranged in nature and included improvements to electrical, roofing, interiors, exteriors, mechanical equipment and flooring at various EIPS schools. Project highlights include:

#### GENERAL SUMMER PROJECTS

- Renovations to quiet rooms in several EIPS schools to support students and staff.
- Upgrades to a universal washroom at Salisbury Composite High School to support students.
- Upgrades to data cabling at École Parc Élémentaire and Pine Street Elementary.



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL – CAPITAL RESERVE

- Phase 1 of the Salisbury Composite High Stormwater System Replacement Project.
- Renovations to the food lab at F. R. Haythorne Junior High.
- Renovations to the food lab at Ardrossan Junior Senior High.

## CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL

- Replacement of windows and entrance at Pine Street Elementary.
- Replacement of doors and windows at Glen Allan Elementary.
- Replacement of an air conditioning unit at Bev Facey Community High.
- Replacement of the roofing and building envelope at F. R. Haythorne Junior High.

## Board Members

Cathy Allen, *Chair* | Susan Miller, *Vice-Chair* | Trina Boymook | Randy Footz | Colleen Holowaychuk | Don Irwin | Jim Seutter | Jacqueline Shotbolt | Ralph Sorochan

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